

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 854

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate John Green and Company Realtors in Collierville, Tennessee on celebrating 25 years of business and laudable service to the citizens of this State.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly specially recognize those businesses in Tennessee that have provided their services for many years, standing as a testament to the values of hard work and dedication held by their owners and operators; and

WHEREAS, John Green and Company Realtors is one such establishment, which is celebrating its 25th year of business; and

WHEREAS, the Company was founded on the Historic Town Square of Collierville in 1979 by Mr. John Green, an individual who through his magnanimous efforts has distinguished himself as a community leader of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Green, a native of Florida, received a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Florida in 1963; after beginning a career in Perry, Florida, with Buckeye Cellulose, he was transferred to Memphis in 1966; and

WHEREAS, licensed as a real estate agent in 1967 and as a broker in 1969, Mr. Green briefly interrupted his work with Buckeye Cellulose in 1968 and 1969 in order to sell real estate full time; and

WHEREAS, returning to work with Buckeye Cellulose in 1970, Mr. Green was transferred to Alberta, Canada, in 1972 to manage a portion of the large pulp mill of Procter and Gamble Cellulose that was under the management of Buckeye; and

WHEREAS, when Mr. Green returned to the Memphis area in 1977, he was determined to establish himself in the real estate business, and he worked with a broker in the Clark Tower in East Memphis until the opening of his own real estate office; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of John Green and Company Realtors, Mr. Green and his business have enjoyed much acclaimed success; and

WHEREAS, growing from a one-man office into a company of more than 50 agents with a full-time relocation department, John Green and Company Realtors has consistently ranked in the top 10 real estate companies in the Memphis area and currently serves Shelby and Fayette counties in Tennessee and Desoto and Marshall counties in North Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, John Green and Company Realtors has been fortunate to have had no turnover in the staff, and the Company's outstanding success is greatly attributable to its investment in long-term employees and agents; and

WHEREAS, Jane Craig, the Office Manager, joined the Company in 1980; Betty Clayton has served as the Relocation Director since 1985; Sandra Howard has been the Appointment and Advertising Manager since 1989; and several agents have served the Company for over 15 years; and

WHEREAS, highly respected within the community, the Company and its agents are an integral part of numerous professional and civic organizations; 16 agents are members of the Memphis Area Association of Realtors Multiple Million Dollar Club, 10 of which are Life Members of the Club; the Company is a member of the Collierville Chamber of Commerce, Germantown Chamber of Commerce, Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Collierville, and the Better Business Bureau; and

WHEREAS, knowing the importance of education, the administration, agents, and staff of John Green and Company Realtors lend their support to the Shelby County public schools in Collierville; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dedication to the success of John Green and Company Realtors, Mr. Green has been very active in professional organizations, such as the Memphis Area Association of Realtors, which he has served as the Chairman of Multiple Listing Service, on the Board of Directors, and as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President; he is also a member of the Tennessee Association of Realtors and National Association of Realtors and has served ably on various committees for both organizations; and

WHEREAS, an intrinsic part of his community, Mr. Green has lent his inspirational leadership to the Collierville Home Council as President; the Collierville Chamber of Commerce as a past Board Member; and to Main Street Collierville as a member. He is also the Founder of the Annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon and has served as Chairman for many years; is the Founder and President of the Collierville Education Foundation; and has served on the Shelby County Schools Education Steering Committee and as President of the Collierville Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, a devout member of Germantown Baptist Church since 1977, Mr. Green is an active Deacon and serves on the Board of Directors for the Biblical Resource Center and Museum; and

WHEREAS, through his successful community endeavors, Mr. Green has earned numerous professional designations and accolades, including the Collierville Person of the Year Award, Lifetime Tennessee State PTA Membership, the Shelby County Bill Colvard Friend of Education Award, and the Collierville Education Foundation C.H. Harrell Education Award; he has also been named a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow; and

WHEREAS, his professional success and many personal accomplishments aside, Mr. Green is most grateful for the loving companionship he shares with his wife, the former Marilyn Barnes, and their sons, Allen and Michael; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Green epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. John Green and the agents and staff of John Green and Company Realtors for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate John Green and the agents and staff of John Green and Company Realtors on twenty-five years in business, honor and commend them for

their fine record of outstanding service to their community and to the State of Tennessee, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.